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Sunday Liturgy:
Saturday, 5:00 pm;
Sunday, 9:00 am & 6:00 pm

Daily Liturgy:
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, 8:00 am

Eucharistic Adoration:
Wednesday, 8:30 am – 8:30 pm, with Reconciliation from 7:00 – 8:15 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Wednesday, 7:00 – 8:00 pm and Saturday, 3:30 – 4:30 pm

Bulletin Announcements

Please email any announcements to bulletin@olbh.org by noon on Tuesday for the following weekend bulletin.

Sharing His Triumph Over Death

As I write this, it is a busy time of preparing for the Triduum services over the next three days. It is a pleasure to be in a parish where so many people help with the preparations. Several people graciously helped with last minute preparation this week. This is a special time for the six adults who have been in RCIA and the two young people in RCIC (*Rite of Christian Initiation for Children*). Congratulations to those who received the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil.

Kami Wagner, Richard Harmon and Abigail Harmon received baptism, confirmation and Holy Eucharist. Richard and Abigail are younger than the students who are normally confirmed in our diocese. However, when someone is baptized at age 7 years or older, then they should receive all the sacraments of initiation at the same ceremony.

Shari Haag, LaChel McCollar and Susan Silbernagel all previously baptized in another Christian church were received into the full communion of the Catholic Church which includes receiving Holy Eucharist and Confirmation. Also, **Joe Bucholz and Madonna Bucholz** were confirmed as adult Catholics.

Our parish is blessed with John & Bernie Usera and Jim & Barb Scherr who lead the RCIA program. They do an excellent job of teaching the faith to the candidates. I have been impressed by how well they serve in this ministry. Also, we have not ever had an RCIC program, so I asked Jenny Scherr to coordinate this. She and Teresa Thompson did very well in preparing Richard and Abigail for the sacraments.

The RCIA and RCIC candidates remind us of the LIFE we share in Christ. At the beginning of the Easter Vigil, the Roman Missal gives an introduction which expresses the graces we all experience because of Christ's death and resurrection. Here are those words:

> *Brothers and sisters, on this most sacred night, in which our Lord Jesus Christ passed over from death to life, the Church calls upon her sons and daughters, to come together to watch and pray. If we keep the memorial of the Lord's paschal solemnity in this way, listening to his word and celebrating his mysteries, then we shall be the sure hope of sharing his triumph over death and living with him in God.*

In the fifty days of the Easter season, we celebrate Christ's *"triumph over death"* and the great privilege of *"living with him in God"* now in this present life, as well as in the life to come.

In Christ, Fr. Steve

OLBH Parish News

Babysitting Change for Easter Mass

Please note: Babysitting will **not** be available during Easter Masses on Sunday, April 8th. We will resume services on April 15th at the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

Divine Mercy Sunday

April 15th at 4:30 p.m.

Our Lady of the Black Hills will be praying the Divine Mercy Prayer and will have a short history on this prayer. **FAMILIES WELCOME!**

Catholics Returning Home

Have you been away from the Church for a while? Have you ever thought about returning? Do you know someone who wants to return to the church? If so, there is a special ministry for people who have been away from the Church. The six-week "Catholics Returning Home" series begins at **7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 10, 2012 at Our Lady of the Black Hills, Piedmont.** For more information, contact Greg Sass at greg.sass@olbh.org or 605-939-0579, or visit http://ReturningCatholics.net. There is no charge and pre-registration is not required.

Gatherings of Grace—April 11

Gatherings of Grace, the OLBH all-ages faith formation program, will be held on **Wednesday, April 11, at 6:00 p.m. (no Sunday Gathering Easter Sunday).** The theme of the Gathering is the **Stations of the Resurrection**. In this session we will study the stories of Jesus' appearances from Easter Morning through Pentecost. Dinner will be served at the Wednesday gathering. Please come and join us! This will be the final gathering of the year.

Thank you to all who helped with fish fry's! It brings our community together and is a wonderful tradition to be had.

Have a Happy Easter!

First Communion Banner Making Group

On **Sunday, April 15th at 4:30 p.m.** (during Life Night), all First Communion parents are welcome to gather and begin banner preparation for your child. If you are interested, please **RSVP to Maggie Becker (605-490-2390) by April 10th.**

Mark Your Calendar!

The **Annual Basket Auction and Dinner** will be held **Saturday, April 28th** at **6:00 p.m.** in the OLBH dining hall. **Contact the OLBH Office for ticket information.** Tickets are $7.00 for adults, $5.00 for kids, and $30.00 for a family of five or more. All proceeds will go towards training the catechists for our youth ministry program. There are many ways to support this ministry: You can help by donating a gift basket of any theme to be auctioned off or purchase a basket at the auction or just come to dinner to watch the action at the auction!

Operation Rice Bowl Reflection: The Resurrection

Our celebration of the resurrection brings us new joy and hope! Throughout Lent, your support of Operation Rice Bowl has helped offer hope to millions of people around the world who benefit from the work of Catholic Relief Services. For six weeks you have prayed for the people of Madagascar, fasted in solidarity with the people of India, learned about the challenges in the lives of people in Vietnam and El Salvador, and given sacrificially to create economic opportunities in Zambia. Their struggles – and the efforts of CRS – are far from over, but you have made a difference.

This Week at Our Lady of the Black Hills

April 9th – April 15th, 2012

Monday, April 9th

Readings: Acts 2:14,22-33; Ps 16:1-2a5,7-11; Mt 28:8-15 (*white*)

8:00 am: No Daily Liturgy – OLBH Offices Closed

7:00 pm: Cub Scouts – Bears and Wolves

Tuesday, April 10th

Readings: Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5,18-20,22; Jn 20:11-18 (*white*)

8:00 am: Daily Liturgy

Mass Intention: +Elaine Scherer

5:00 pm: Praying the Bible

7:00 pm: – 8:30 p.m. Returning Catholics

7:00 pm: Boy Scouts

Wednesday, April 11th

Readings: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4,6-9; Lk 24:13-35 (white)

8:00 am: Daily Liturgy

Mass Intention: OLBH Community

8:30 a.m. – 5:30 pm Eucharistic Adoration

9:00 am: Staff Meeting

9:00 am – Noon: Food Pantry

6:00 pm: Gatherings of Grace

7:00 pm – 8:30 pm: Reconciliation

Thursday, April 12th

Readings: Acts 3:11-26, Ps 8:2a,5-9; Lk 24:35-48 *(white)*

8:00 am: No Daily Liturgy – Morning Prayer

Friday, April 13th

Readings: Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2,4,22-27a; Jn 21:1-14 (*white*)

9:00 am – 4:00 pm: Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Training

Saturday Morning, April 14th

Readings: Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1,14-15,16ab-21; Mk 16:9-15

9:00 am – Noon: Food Pantry

9:00 am – 4:00 pm: Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Training

3:30 pm – 4:30 pm: Reconciliation

Saturday Evening, April 14th

2nd Sunday of Easter: Sunday of Divine Mercy

Readings*:* Acts 4:32-35; Ps 118:2-4,13-15,22-24; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31*(white)*

5:00 pm: Liturgy

Mass Intention: +Mary Katzurecky

Sunday, April 15th

2nd Sunday of Easter: Sunday of Divine Mercy

Readings*:* Acts 4:32-35; Ps 118:2-4,13-15,22-24; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31 *(white)*

9:00 am: Liturgy

Mass Intention: Members of Catholic Heritage Society

9:00 am – 4:00 pm: Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Training

4:00 pm: Life Night – Divine Mercy

4:30 pm: Divine Mercy Prayer – Families Welcome!

6:00 pm: Liturgy

Mass Intention: Mass for Life

Congratulations on the Baptism of

Kingston Hood

son of Marshall Hood &
Alicia Schortzmann
on April 8, 2012

Weekly Ministry Schedule

April 14th – April 15th, 2012

	Saturday 5:00 pm	Sunday 9:00 am	Sunday 6:00 pm
Bread Baker	Irene Daschel		
Altar Servers	Rileigh Kronmiller Delainey Kronmiller Alexandrea Blaha	Marisa Montes Armando Montes Ariana Montes	Kevin Chamberlain Taygen Johns Cole Mettler
Precious Body **Precious Blood**	Jan Schurman Nancy Sass Greg Sass Judy Wilson Jacqui Blaha	Christine Didriksen Dennis Fischer Bernadette Usera John Usera Rose Held	Judy Nelson Lorinda Collings Phillip Thompson Michelle Bucholz Deb Steele
Lectors	Tony Berendse Sharon Long	Mary Coffin Pat Suiter	Curt Lauinger Teresa Thompson
Sacristans	Erik Haakedahl Estela Haakedahl	**NEEDED**	Brad Blauvelt Mary Blauvelt
Greeters	Bob Wentz Pam Wentz	**NEEDED**	Aaron Thies Aaron Denekamp

Intercessory Prayers

Life and Health Concerns

Madonna Bucholz – Joe Bucholz's mother
Joe Creek
Adrian & Robyn Amiotte – children of Kathy Amiotte
Flo Neely
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Randy Meyer – Coleen Short's grandson
Cindy Thompson
Frank Kaufmann – Jane Abernathy's father
Margaret Giacomini – Rob Varilek's sister
Joann McCormick – Fr. Mark & Jim McCormick's mother
Norma Modena – Cathy Wang's Godmother

Repose of the Soul

Rose Hirchert
Aaron Hopson – Student at Douglas MS
Nautica Massie – Patty Creek's great grandchild

The Collection Basket

March 31st & April 1st, 2012

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Adopt a Seminarian	60.00
Cornerstone	25.00
First Offering	10.00
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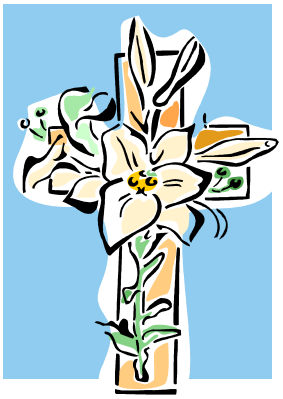

Rapid City Diocese News

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

What is your New Year's resolution for your marriage? Restore Communication? Rekindle Romance? Renew Commitment? We are now taking reservations for couples and religious to attend the next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend April 20-22, 2012 at Terra Sancta Retreat Center, Rapid City, SD**. For more information, contact Curt and Rochelle Lauret at 605-362-9145.

Family Life Ministries

The next Christian Family Planning Seminar will be offered by the Natural Family Planning Ministry on **Saturday, April 21, 9:00 a.m. - Noon at Holy Cross in Timber Lake.** ***This seminar is a requirement for engaged couples getting married in the Diocese of Rapid City.*** Married couples, or anyone who wants to learn more about Natural Family Planning, are encouraged to attend. For more information, or to register, call Jill or Kathy at Family Life Ministries at 605-343-3541. ***Please note that this seminar was added to the schedule.***

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat™

A Rachel's Vineyard Retreat™ will be held **April 27-29, 2012 in Rapid City, SD**. The confidential retreats are for those who are spiritually hurting after an abortion and want to experience the healing love of Christ. The cost for the retreat is $100.00 for meals, a private room, and all retreat materials. Financial assistance is available. **Registration deadline is Friday, April 20!** For more information or to register, contact Carol Kling at 605-374-5639 or ckling@sdplains.com.

Rachel's Corner

There are many post-abortive women who live in silent torment. We must reach out in truth, love, and mercy, and bring the good news of Christ's forgiveness and healing to these hurting women. If you or someone you know has experienced an abortion, there is help.

St. Elizabeth Seton Preschool Open House at *Terra Sancta*

Join us on **Tuesday, April 10th** from **5-7 p.m.** or **Saturday, April 14th 9-11 a.m.** as Jana Thies, Child Development Director, will be available to answer questions and give tours. **Preschool Program** includes three year olds, four year olds, and five year olds. The Pre-Kindergarten program is designed to accommodate four to five-year-old children not ready for kindergarten but may have already completed a preschool. You may contact Jana with questions or to schedule a tour if you are unable to make either of these dates: jthies@rccss.net or 343-1477.

Terra Sancta Outdoor Projects Work Saturdays

Adults and older teens are needed to help carve out hiking trails at **Terra Sancta** on **April 14, 21 & 28.** Ralph Kopp will supervise and direct the project. Bring work gloves, safety glasses, sturdy boots/shoes, water, snacks and/or lunch. Hard hats and some tools will be provided. Please bring these tools, if you have them: adze hoe, Pulaski, pick mattock, McLeod, shovel. This project is not appropriate for children. Any workers under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. Shifts begin with a safety briefing at 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. To sign up for a shift, please call the chancery office at 343-3541.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

The World Day of Prayer for Vocations is celebrated on **April 29, 2012**, the Fourth Sunday of Easter. This year, our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI asks us to meditate on the theme: *Vocations, the Gift of the Love of God*. Let us pray that God will raise up many vocations to priesthood and consecrated life, and that our young people will be open to the gift of God's love. **Let us also pray for all priests and for consecrated men and women at this time**. Send a card to your parish priest or to someone you know who is consecrated this week, thanking them for the gift of themselves given to Christ and to His body, the Church, or invite them for dinner. Pray for more vocations to priesthood and consecrated life – and consider a vocation to priesthood or consecrated life! www.Gods-call.org

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MAYFEST AUCTION 5.5.12

Mayfest Auction 2012 will be held **Saturday, May 5th** at the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center. If you have an item you would like to donate, please contact the Development office at 343-8484. Tickets may also be reserved by calling the Development office. Tickets are $65 per person. All proceeds will benefit the Rapid City Catholic School System. Your donations and support are appreciated!

Steubenville of the Rockies with Elitch Gardens – Waiting List Forming!

July 5-8. Cost: $335. Final payment is due May 15th. The cost includes deluxe motorcoach, 3 nights lodging, conference, 7 meals, 2 shirts, and a day-pass at Elitch Gardens. Forms are online at www.rapidcitydiocese.org in the youth section. For more information contact Provatia Pietila 343-3541 or ppietila@diorc.org

World Youth Day Rio de Janeiro- Still Taking Applications!

July 16-30, 2013. Cost: $2995 Led by Fr. Brian Christensen, Fr. Nathan Sparks, and Fr. Tyler Dennis. This event is for those 18-35 who are happy to walk extensively every day and thrive in rustic environments. The cost includes airfare, busing, transfers, simple accommodations, most meals, and registration fee. Registration and applications: www.rapidcitydiocese.org or www.catholicpilgrimoffice.com. For more information contact Provatia Pietila 343-3541 or ppietila@diorc.org.

Call to Prayer for Religious Liberty

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops is calling upon Catholics and people of all faiths to join in prayer and penance in support of protecting religious freedom and conscience rights. Prayers, resources, and information about the bishops' efforts to protect religious liberty and conscience rights can be found at www.usccb.org/conscience.

Diocesan Social Justice Commission
The Resurrection of the Lord: The Mass of Easter Sunday

"Where does true education in peace and justice take place? First of all, in the family since parents are the first educators. The family is the primary cell of society: It is in the family that children learn the human and Christian values which enable them to have a constructive and peaceful coexistence. It is in the family that they learn solidarity between the generations, respect for rules, forgiveness and how to welcome others. The family is the first school in which we are trained in justice and peace."

***Pope Benedict XVI**, Message for 2012 World Day of Peace, Jan. 1, 2012. www.vatican.va (From: Diocesan Social Justice Commission www.rapidcitydiocese.org/Ministries/SocialJustice.htm)*

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For the Ride Home

By Ted Bergh

Scripture

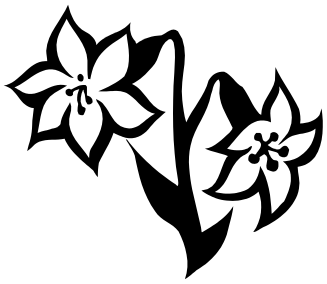
- Everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name. (Acts 10:43)
- The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. (Psalm 118:22)
- If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. (Colossians 3:1)
- Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, (John 20:1)
- the other disciple also went in, … and he saw and believed. (John 20:8,9)

Reflection

- Have you received "forgiveness of sins" this Lent? Is there anything that is still weighing you down? Why don't you be free from it through the risen Christ?
- Are you now ready to "seek what is above" through your life with Christ?
- What did Mary of Magdala seek at "the tomb early in the morning?"
- What did the other disciple see in the empty tomb?
- What are you seeking this Easter from the resurrected Jesus?
- How do you enter the tomb to "see and believe?"

Real death is separation from God, and this is unbearable; real death is faithlessness, hopelessness, and lovelessness. Real death is the chaos where human beings find themselves when they disobey the Father, it is the tangled web to which they are reduced by their passions, it is the total defeat of all their dreams of greatness, it is the disintegration of their whole personality. Real death is emptiness, darkness, desolation, despair, hatred, destruction. So … Christ agreed to enter this death, into this separation, so as to identify Himself with all who were in separation, and to save them. When he touched the depths of their despair he announced hope with his resurrection. When he was immersed in their darkness he made the brightness of the truth burst forth with his resurrection. When engulfed by the abyss of their lovelessness he showed them the infinite joy of love with his resurrection. By rising from the dead he made all things new. By rising from the dead he opened new heavens. By rising from the dead he opened new life.[1]

[1]Carlos Caretto, Selected Writings, Orbis: Maryknoll, NY, 1994, p. 147,8) Ted Bergh, © ParishVision Llc 2012 - Visit ParishVision.org



Easter Sunday

Christ indeed from death is risen, our new life obtaining.

Reflection.

On Easter Sunday, the Church is recollected in contemplation of the risen Christ. Thus she relives the primordial experience that lies at the basis of her existence. She feels imbued with the same wonder as Mary Magdalen and the other women who went to Christ's tomb on Easter morning and found it empty. That tomb became the womb of life. Whoever had condemned Jesus, deceived himself that he had buried his cause under an ice-cold tombstone. The disciples themselves gave into the feeling of irreparable failure. We understand their surprise, then, and even their distrust in the news of the empty tomb. But the Risen One did not delay in making Himself seen and they yielded to reality. They saw and believed! Two thousand years later, we still sense the unspeakable emotion that overcame them when they heard the Master's greeting: "Peace be with you.'"....

...Christ's Resurrection is the strength, the secret of Christianity. It is not a question of mythology or of mere symbolism, but of a concrete event. It is confirmed by sure and convincing proofs. The acceptance of this truth, although the fruit of the Holy Spirit's grace, rests at the same time on a solid historical base. On the threshold of the third millennium, the new effort of evangelization can begin only from a renewed experience of this Mystery, accepted in faith and witnessed to in life.... *Pope John Paul II.*

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